

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District

In Reply to Application Number CENAB-OP-RMS(MONA, VINCENT P/PORT TOBACCO MARINA&CAMPGROUND/DREDGING) 04-61474-19

Comment Period: June 11, 2004 to July 12, 2004

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, as described below:

APPLICANT

Vincent P. Mona 8023 Malcolm Road Clinton, Maryland 20735

LOCATION

In Port Tobacco Creek near Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland

WORK

The applicant proposes to mechanically maintenance dredge three channels (1,600, 1,610, and 540 feet long by 20 feet wide) in Port Tobacco Creek to restore navigable depths within the creek in the area of the existing Port Tobacco Marina and Campground in Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland. Prior dredging of Port Tobacco Creek in this location was authorized by Department of the Army Permit 198100883, on September 27, 1982. The applicant currently proposes to dredge the area known as the West Channel and the northern reaches of the East Channel of Port Tobacco Creek. Dredging will result in the removal of approximately 4,233 cubic yards of dredge material from an area approximately 3,810 feet long with an average width of 20 feet dredged to -4.0 feet mean low water. The dredged material will be removed and deposited at an upland site adjacent to Poor House Road in Port Tobacco, Maryland. The purpose of this work is to improve navigational access within the marina. All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Michael Hitchings, at (410) 962-5685.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 04-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely effect essential fish habitat (EFH). The project site lies in or adjacent to EFH as described under MSFCMA for Scopthalmus aquosos (windowpane flounder) juvenile and adult; Pomatomus saltatrix (blue fish) juvenile and adult; Paralicthys dentatus (summer flounder) juvenile and adult; and eggs, larvae, juvenile, and adult stages of Sciaenops ocellatus (red drum), Scomberomorus cavalla (king mackerel), Scomberomorus maculatus (spanish mackerel), and Rachycentron canadum (cobia), managed species under the MSFCMA. The project has the potential to adversely effect EFH or the species of concern by loss of spawning, nursery, forage and/or shelter habitat. The Baltimore District has determine that the adverse effects of this project would not be substantial and an abbreviated consultation will be conducted with NMFS. No mitigative measures are recommended to minimize adverse effects on EPH at this time. This determination may be modified if additional information indicates otherwise and would change the preliminary determination.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The applicant has certified in this application that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Maryland Coastal Zone Program. This certification statement is available for inspection in the District Office; however, public comments relating to consistency must be received by the Coastal Zone Division, Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland, 21230-1708, within the comment period as specified above. It should be noted that CZ Division has a statutory limit of 6 months in which to make its consistency determination.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

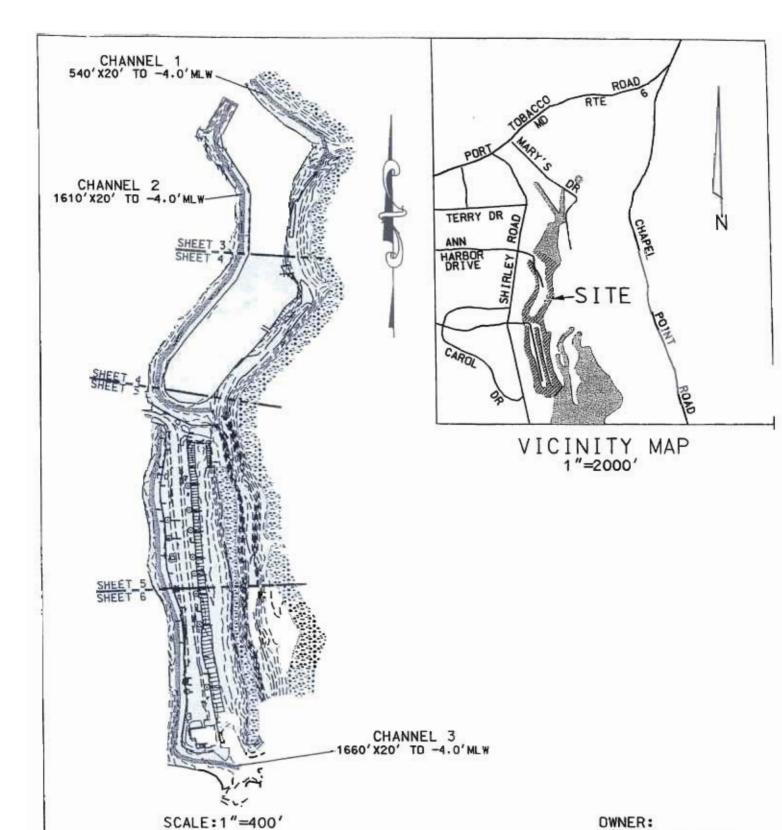
A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

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DREDGING EXHIBIT

PORT TOBACCO MARINA AND CAMPGROUND 1ST ELECTION DISTRICT CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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PROPOSED CHANNEL DATA

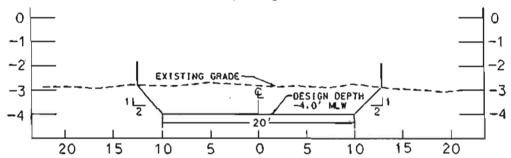
DIMENSIONS: 3.810 LF. 20 FEET WIDE, DREDGED TO -4.0' MLW

AREA OF IMPACT: 83,820 SF OR 1.92 ACRES

VOLUME: 4,233 CUBIC YARDS

TYPICAL CHANNEL SECTION

N.T.S.



NOTES

1) THE PURPOSE OF THIS DREDGING IS REHABILITATION OF AN EXISTING MARINA AND TO RESTORE NAVIGABLE DEPTHS
2) CHANNEL VOLUME AND AREA OF IMPACT HAVE BEEN CALCULATED AT-4.5' MLW TO INCLUDE 0.5' OFF ALLOWANCE TO COVER THE INACCURACIES OF THE DREDGING PROCESS.
3) MATERIAL REMOVED WILL BE PLACED AT THE APPROVED OFF-SITE DISPOSAL AREA AND TRANSPORTED BY WATER TIGHT TRUCKS.
4) ELEVATIONS FOR MEAN LOW WATER (MLW) ARE BASED ON NOAA TIDE TIME TABLES FOR PORT TOBACCO RIVER.

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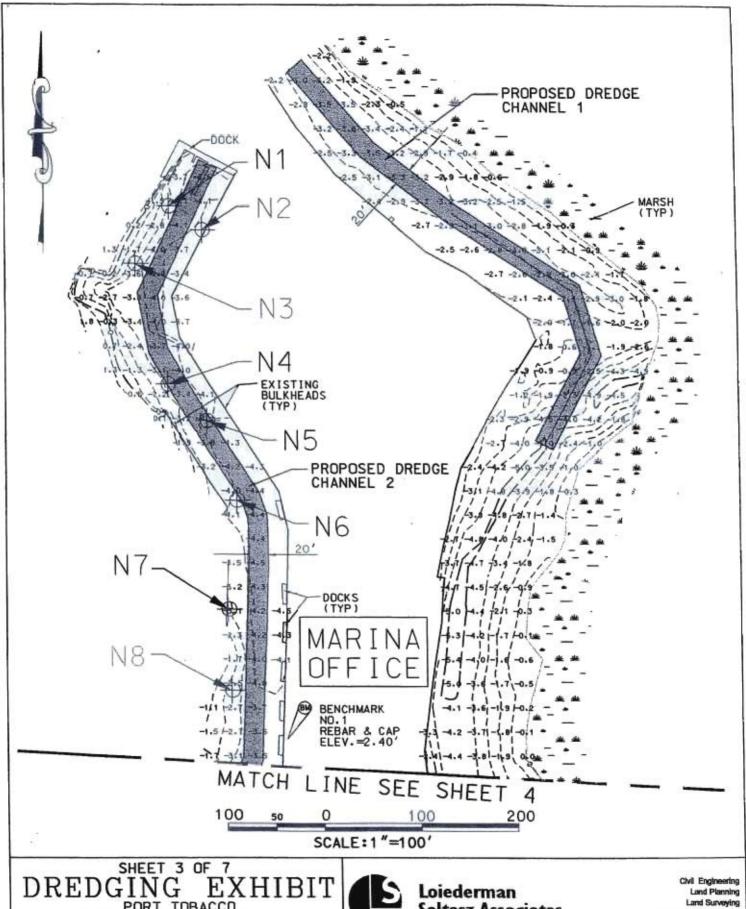


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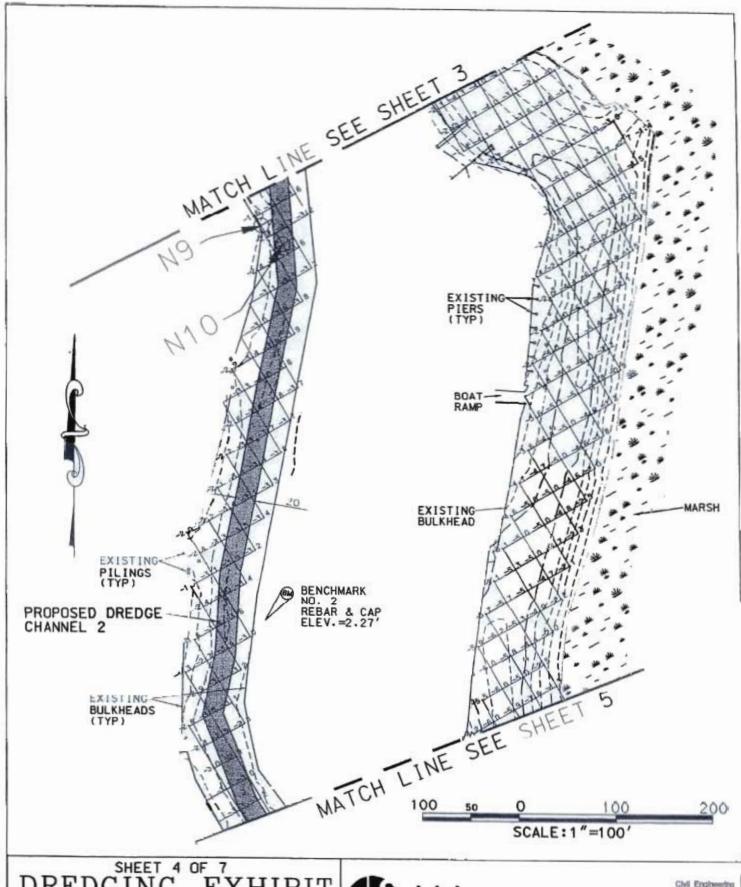
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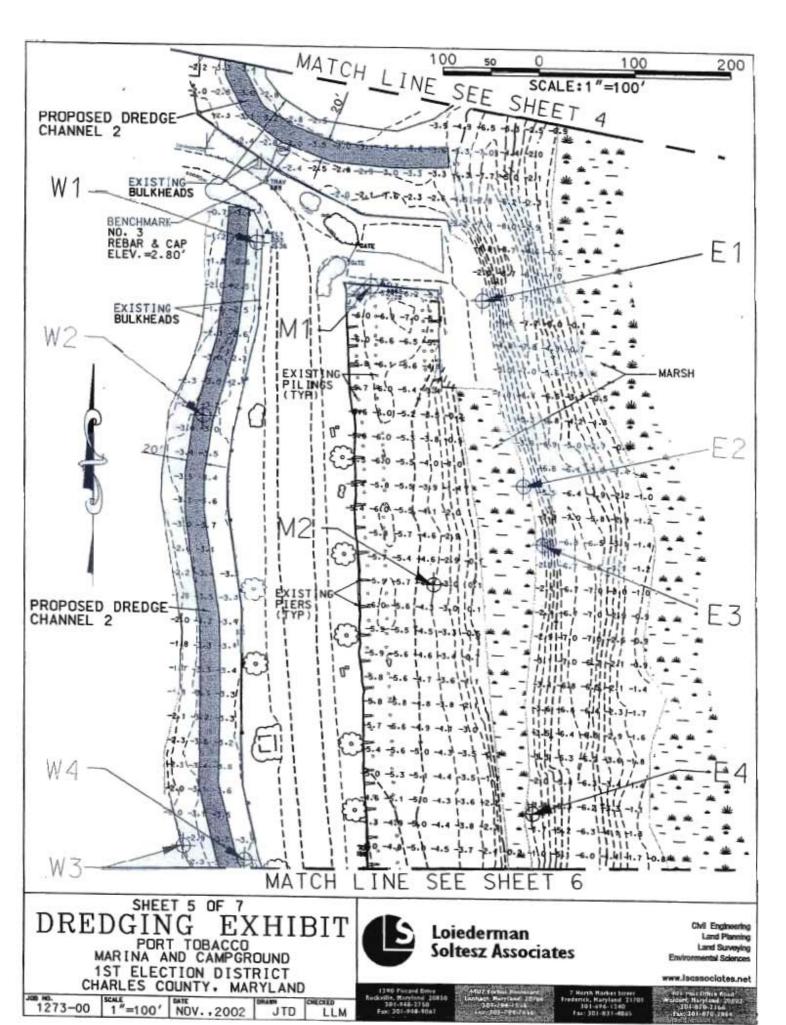


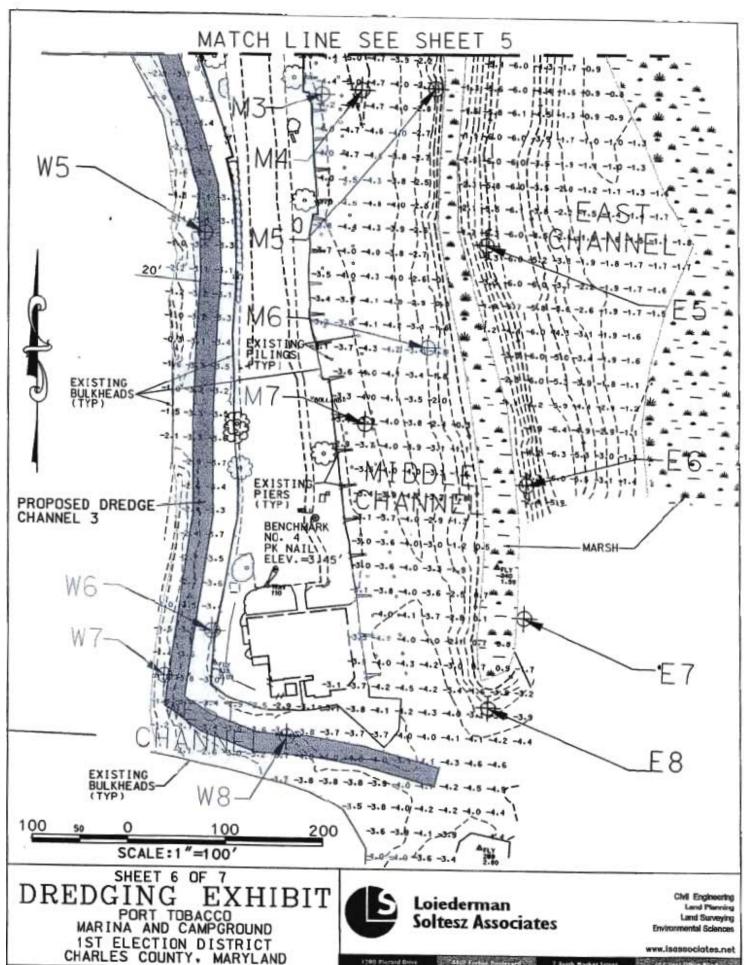
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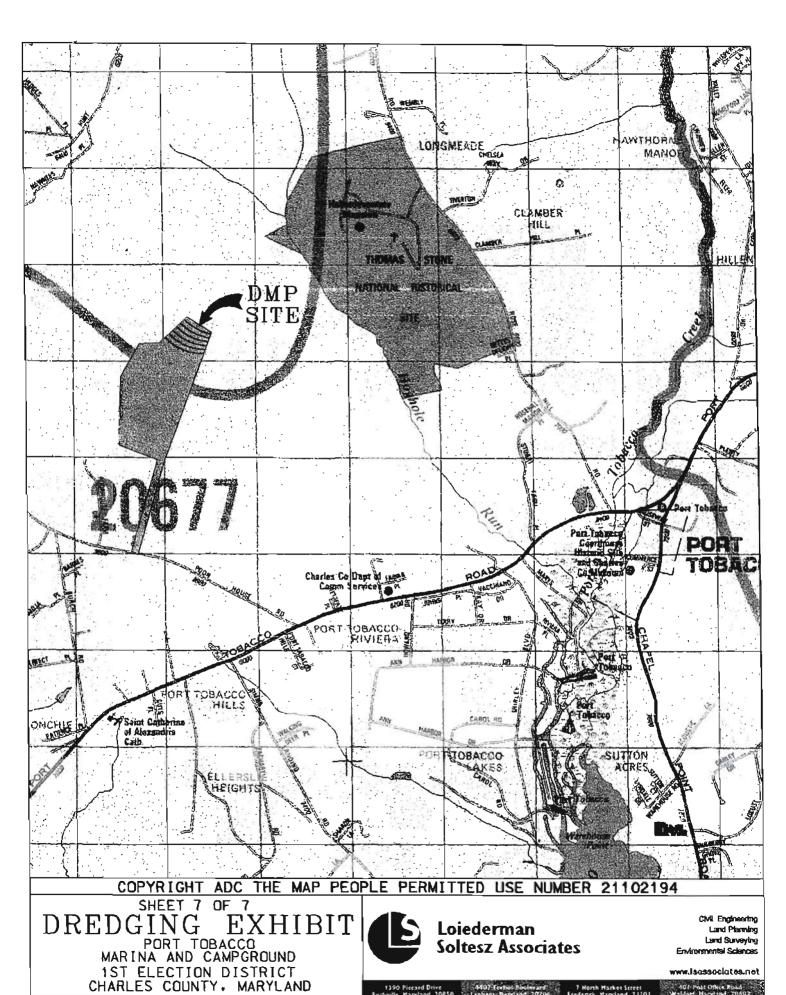


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